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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE CHHATTISGARH : BILASPUR

SINGLE BENCH : HON'BLE SHRI S.R. NAYAK, C.J.

WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 5451 OF 2006.

PETITIONER		Sonashi Mahila Swa-sahatya Samooh, (a socieity duly registered under the relevant provisions of C.G. Swashayata Sahkarita Adhiniyam, 1960), running a fair price shop at 2/5 kota, Raipur, through its President-Smt. Surekha Talmale, wife of Shri Moolchand Talmale, aged about 28 years, resident of Kota, Raipur.
	Vs.	
RESPONDENTS	1.	State of Chhattisgarh, through the Secretary, Department of Civil & Food Supplies, D.K.S. Bhawan, Raipur.
	2.	The Collector, Food Section, District Raipur.
	3.	The Food Controller, Raipur.

Present : Shri Dinesh Tiwari, learned counsel for the petitioner.
Shri Utkarsh Verma, learned Dy. G.A. respondents.

ORAL ORDER
(Passed on 7th November, 2006)

The authorization granted to the petitioner-society to run a fair price shop has been suspended pending enquiry and proceedings are pending before the Collector, the second respondent herein. The complaint in this writ petition is that though considerable time lapsed since initiation of the proceedings by the second respondent, the second respondent has not completed the enquiry and passed appropriate order. It was pointed out that in response to the show-cause notice issued by the third respondent, the petitioner submitted its statement of objections on 18.07.2006.

(2) The power of the second respondent to suspend the authorization pending enquiry against the alleged malpractices on the part

of the petitioner-society in running the fair price shop cannot be questioned. Nevertheless, it is expected of the second respondent to pass appropriate orders in the enquiry initiated without much loss of time. In that view of the matter, I think that the ends of justice would be met by directing the second respondent to consider the objections filed by the petitioner and pass appropriate order taking into account all the relevant facts and circumstances of the case within a timeframe, and such a course would meet the ends of justice. In that view of the matter, I dispose of the writ petition directing the second respondent to pass appropriate order in the enquiry initiated by him, if not already done, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

Sd/-
Chief Justice